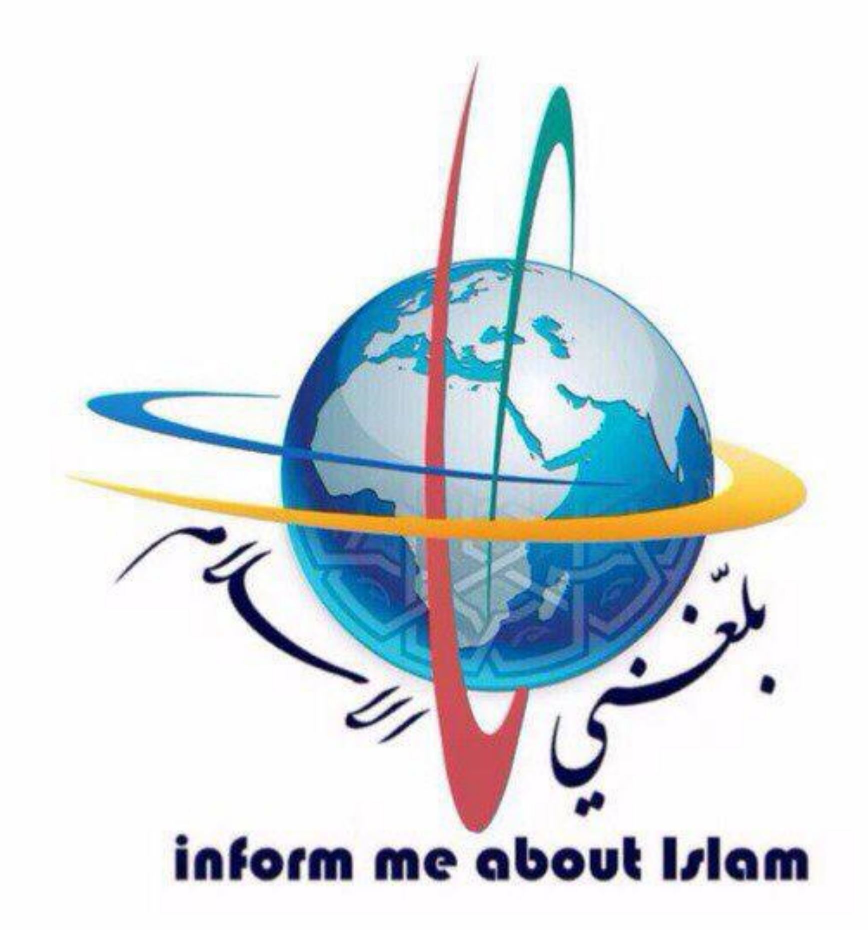
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Refuting the misconception of beating the wife:

➢ This misconception is of great importance as it is highly controversial; the Islamic religion, however, clarified the reality of the status of the woman in Islam in a way that refutes and nullifies such a misconception; such a great status is **evident in the following points**:

.1Allah the Almighty Swt, exalted be His Name, exhorted to be good to the wife , venerating her and dealing with her nicely , even in the absence of hearty love. Allah says: "the" and live with them honourably. If you dislike them, it may be that you dislike a thing and Allâh brings through it a great deal of good." Surah Women An-Nissaa ; 4: 19



.2Allah SWT showed that the woman has rights over her husband as he has rights over her. He says" : "And they (women) have rights (over their husbands as regards living expenses) similar (to those of their husbands) over them (as regards obedience and respect) to what is reasonable, but men have a degree (of responsibility) over them. And Allâh is All-Mighty, All-Wise." Surat Al-Baqarah, the Cow surah; 2: 228



The Qur'anic ayah indicates that the man has an extra right in return for his responsibility in spending money on his wife and other duties. The Prophet , peace be upon him, recommends venerating the woman and dealing with her nicely and even made the best of people is he who is the best in treating his wife; the prophet peace be upon him said: "The best of you is he who is the best in treating his wife; and I am the best in treating my wife ; " narrated by At-Termithi(3895), Ibn Magah (1977), authenticated by Al-Albany in Sahih At-Tirmithi



- **The Prophet peace be upon him said**: "Fear Allah in dealing with your women ; for. You have taken them as wives by the vow of Allah and it has become lawful to you to have intimate relationships with them by the word of Allah. You have a right over-them not to allow anyone you hate to enter your homes ; if they do, you may beat them softly. They have rights over them to feed and clothe them on a reasonable basis;" narrated by Muslim.



- The meaning of "You have a right over-them not to allow anyone you hate to enter your homes" i.e., do not give permission to anyone you hate to enter your homes and sit there ; whether the person is a non -mahram man or a woman or any of the mahrams of the wife ; for the prohibition includes all of them . Quoted from An-Nawawi.

Clarifying the meaning of beating:

The order to beat in Allah's Saying: "As to those women on whose part you see ill-conduct, admonish them (first), (next), refuse to share their beds, (and last) beat them (lightly, if it is useful)" (4: 34)

The order here is for permissiblity, it is just permissible if there is no other way. The Prophet peace be upon him said:" I hate for the man to beat his spouse in a fit of anger and he may sleep with her the same day" narrated by Al-Bukhari (5204(

If he was obliged to, he shoud neither beat the face nor insult her nor be aggressive against her.

Many interpreters said:"He must not break a bone or leave the slightest mark on her body".





The violent practices were common before Islam ; Islam came:

.1With repeated calls for treating women gently and nicely.

.2Presenting alternatives before beating such as advising and preaching as an elevated lofty dialogic approach
and other solutions which the husband must adopt and implement before beating which only comes as a last resort. In the Qur'anic ayah in which beating is mentioned, Allah the Almighty showed this clearly, saying:"Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allâh has made one of them to excel the other, and because they spend (to support them) from their means.



Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient (to Allâh and to their husbands), and guard in the husband’s absence what Allâh orders them to guard (e.g. their chastity, their husband’s property). As to those women on whose part you see ill-conduct, admonish them (first), (next), refuse to share their beds, (and last) beat them (lightly, if it is useful); but if they return to obedience, seek not against them means (of annoyance). Surely, Allâh is Ever Most High, Most Great." 4: 34

➢ The great scholar As-Sa'di, may Allah have mercy on his soul, in his interpretation of this noble ayah, pointed out that the beating mentioned in the ayah came for a specific type of women, not for all women:

i.e., Those who are so arrogant that they disobey their husbands in words or deeds, they are disciplined by just advising which is the easiest ; i.e., by showing them Allah's ruling on obeying and disobeying their husbands; encouraging them to obey and discouraging them to disobey; if she abides by this, that's it; otherwise, the husband abstains from having intimate relation with his wife (this, however, does not mean leaving the bedroom as this will complicate the problem); he just abstains for a certain time till she is disciplined otherwise, comes the last resort which is beating her mercifully. If what is required, i.e., her being disciplined, is achieved;,

if they return to obedience, do not seek against them means (of annoyance); i.e., what you like to happen is achieved; so don't blame them for past incidents, or search for demerits that are harmful to mention and because of which evil may happen.

"Surely, Allâh is Ever Most High, Most Great;" i.e., He has the absolute height in all aspects and in all considerations. The Heght of the Self, the Hight of the Stature ; the Height of the Grandeur , nothing is greater, bigger or grander ; He is Grand in Self and in Attributes.

Tayseer-ul-Kareem Ar -Rahman , Ash-Shaikh As-Sa'di, (p. 177.)



Lastly, Men's being are the protectors and maintainers of women, is because Allâh has given them some efficiencies and because they spend (to support the women) from their means. Islam made it clear that women are the partners of men in worship, reward , esteem and high status in Allah's Judgment in the Day of Judgment.

Men and women are equal in human dignity.



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